

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

APRIL 1, 2014

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville, Indiana met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and Brad Berkemeier answered roll call. Councilman Sheehan arrived after the roll was called. Student Advisory Member, Jessica Miller, was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan arrived.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. The Highway 52 meeting has been rescheduled for April 10th at 8:30.
2. Ground breaking on the North Industrial Park was March 24th.
3. The Utility preconstruction meeting was March 26th.
4. The 2nd meeting on the Comprehensive Plan took place last night.
5. Rachel's Challenge Program will be tonight at 7:00 at the high school gym.
6. Notifications have been sent out for the Mayor's 5K walk/run.
7. The Clean Community Challenge will meet on April 3rd.
8. The high school prom is April 12th.
9. A note was sent to the County Commissioners informing them that we would like to discuss the future of the APC/BZA at their meeting on the 7th. Also if they will participate in the Rails to Trails.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley informed Council that the Additional Appropriation request from the last meeting has been approved by the DLGF.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The Committee is working on the 7th concert in conjunction with Rush Fest.
2. **Comprehensive Plan** – Sheehan said that 600 people have completed the survey so far. The goal is to have 1000 people complete the survey.
3. **Trash Sub Committee** –
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – The marked up policies have been handed out to the Department Heads for review.
5. **APC/BZA-Building Code** – Berkemeier said they will be having an executive session of the APC on Thursday to discuss hiring a director. Marvin Reese has been named the interim director.
6. **Marketing** –

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Mayor Pavey said he met with a company today and was asked if the City has a full time fire department.

Chief Jenkins handed out monthly reports. He informed Council that Rescue II is in service.

Jenkins said they have received a grant from Rush Shelby Energy Roundup for \$1,931.43 for dry suits and gloves.

They have received a grant from the Rush County Community Foundation for \$3,523.43 for training for swift water rescue for 3 firefighters. This will make a total of 5 certified.

To date there is approximately \$750.00 in the EMS Non-Reverting Fund.

Police – Chief Tucker said the new car should be in within the next 2 weeks. The equipment is being installed.

Donald Cochran has been approved by Perf. He should begin his duties April 7.

The Board of Works hired Brittany Leising as a communication officer.

Street – Street Commissioner Miller said heavy trash pickup will be collected the week of April 28 thru April May 2. Residents are to set out their trash the week of April 21 thru April 25. The dump site will be open at no charge during the week of pickup.

We are currently taking sidewalk applications.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Councilman Conner thanked Commissioner Miller for taking care of the trash concern at 803 E 11th Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **New Trash Program and Associated Costs** – CGS has agreed to the 5 year contract for the side advertisement on the totters. Smith made a motion to move forward with the purchase of the totters. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Intent for Recreational Trail Grant-DNR-Top Levee** – Sheehan made a motion to apply for the Recreational Trail Grant with DNR for the top of the levee. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **APC/BZA** – Pavey said on Monday he will be going before the County Commissioners with a presentation of the County's budget, what our budget is, and what it would be if we combined the two. Pavey said our voices not being heard.

CLAIMS: Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Sheehan made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:20p.m.